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AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
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Stated Meeting, January 5, 1900.

Vice-President SELLERS in the Chair.

Present, 20 members.

Messrs. Daniel Baugh, Leslie W. Miller, Henry Kraemer, Coleman Sellers, Jr., Edwin Swift Balch, Lindley M. Keasbey, Francis Rawle and Marion D. Learned, newly elected members, were presented to the Chair and took their seats in the Society.

Letters acknowledging election and accepting membership were read from Messrs. Edwin Swift Balch, Edward Coles, Coleman Sellers, Jr., Thomas Harvey Dougherty, Henry Kraemer, Alexander Jay Wurts, Albert Matthews, Lindley M. Keasbey, J. Rodman Paul, Daniel Baugh, Leslie W. Miller, Thomas Corwin Mendenhall, Otis Tufton Mason, J. Dundas Lippincott and Robert C. H. Brock.

The list of donations to the Library was presented and thanks were ordered therefor.

The decease of the following members was announced:

Dr. Elliott Coues, of Washington, D. C., at Baltimore, on December 25, 1899, in his 57th year.

Sir James Paget, Bart., of London, on December 30, 1899, aged 85 years.

Mr. A. Radcliffe Grote presented a paper entitled, "The Descent of the Pierids."

The Judges of the annual election for Officers and Council-

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lors, held this day between the hours of two and five in the afternoon, reported that the following-named persons had been chosen according to the laws, regulations and ordinances of the Society to the offices for the ensuing year:

President.

Frederick Fraley.

Vice-Presidents.

Coleman Sellers, Isaac J. Wistar, George F. Barker.

Secretaries.

I. Minis Hays, Frederick Prime, Samuel P. Sadtler,
Richard A. Cleemann.

Treasurer.

Horace Jayne.

Curators.

J. Cheston Morris, Benjamin Smith Lyman, Henry Pettit.

Councillors to serve for three years.

George R. Morehouse, Patterson DuBois, Henry C. Trumbull,
C. L. Doolittle.

The Society was adjourned by the presiding officer.

THE DESCENT OF THE PIERIDS.

(Plates I-IV.)

BY A. RADCLIFFE GROTE, A.M.,

Vice-President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Etc.

(Read January 5, 1900.)

GENERAL WING CHARACTERS OF THE PIERIDS.

A horde of bright butterflies with entire wings, simply marked in gay and contrasting colors: white, yellow, orange, red, brownish and black, rarely with a blue reflection or a lilac shade, but often marbled beneath with lichen green, of the most general distribution, and numbering almost all of the very few species of diurnals counted as injurious to vegetation. The neuration of the